

TO CONSIDER RATES.

The Railroad Commission Announces Ready for Business.

FEW MERCHANTS ON HAND.

A Galveston Merchant Asks Relief From Discrimination in Freight Rates.

Railroad Men Ask Time to Consider the Points Made Against Them—The Central's Classification to be Taken as a Basis.

Ready to Classify.

At Fort Worth, July 7.—When the railway commission met this afternoon to consider the question of fixing a reasonable classification of freight rates for the railroads of Texas it found itself in the presence of a number of experienced railroad men and a few merchants.

Chairman Cullen stated the object of the meeting and announced that the commission was ready for business.

Mr. Ehrlich, a merchant of Galveston, complained that he would be compelled to pay a higher rate for freight on goods than he would pay for freight on goods of the same kind and weight from other states.

Mr. Grosham and Mr. Flood also appeared for Galveston's interests.

The railroad men asked time to consider the points made against them by Mr. Ehrlich.

All the roads in the state but the Fort Worth and Denver and one or two small lines in South Texas were represented as follows: The Eastern, Harrisburg and San Antonio, the Texas and New Orleans, the Texas and New Orleans, and East Texas, the Texas and New Orleans, and East Texas, the Texas and New Orleans, and East Texas.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas, by J. W. Wainwright, and John A. Smith, assistant general passenger agent.

The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe by L. H. Masters.

The San Antonio and Aransas Pass by L. J. Cook.

The International and Great Northern by J. H. Bartholomew.

The Fort Worth and Rio Grande by R. L. Ford.

The Cotton Belt by W. B. Grosshans.

The Texas and Pacific by H. Turner.

The Houston, East and West Texas by R. S. Collins.

The East Sabine and Red River railway by H. H. H. H.

The representative of the Fort Worth and Denver will be on hand to-morrow.

The question of classification is being coming up for the first time in the history of the commission.

Mr. Parsons, a salt manufacturer of Grand Saline, Tex., submitted an argument in support of his position to show how the roads were discriminating against his industry.

He made the point that the roads favored Kansas salt on account of the long haul.

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At the discussion ended the morning session.

Afternoon Session.

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A CYCLONE'S SWEEP.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Suffers in Life and Property.

A NUMBER OF CONVICTS DEAD.

The State Penitentiary a Wreck—Several Patients in the Hospital Killed.

The Meeting Will be a Very Interesting One to All Concerned.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

Much interest is being manifested in the meeting of the Farmers' Alliance, which meets in this city on July 10. Concerned as to the result of the meeting are numerous. Some profess a split in the ranks of the Alliance, others think the meeting will be touched upon but slightly, as in a bygone era.

The Alliance is a very important and far-reaching in its effect upon the Alliance all over the state.

STRONG UNDERTONE.

IT SHOWS ITSELF IN WALL STREET SPECULATION.

Cotton Maintains Its Price—Wheat is a Fraction Lower but Fairly Active.

Money 2 and 2 1/2 per cent.

Commercial Resume.

Special to the Gazette.

New York, July 7.—Money closed at 2 per cent, the lowest rate. The highest bid for gold was 100.00.

Exchange—Closed weak and lower at 51.00.

Sugar—Raw and refined dull, and prices continued to advance.

Wheat—Options were fair and narrow, closing to be lower. Spot lots steady.

Cotton—Spot and uncleaned. Middling upland, 10c. Futures closed dull.

Coffee—Spot lots steady. Fair Rio cargo, 19c. Futures closed firm and higher.

Hides—Dry Texas, Buenos Ayres, dry, 150c. Dry Texas, 150c.

Stocks were dull today, and speculation was confined to the foreign market.

The interest covered daily Jersey Central, Chicago and Louisville, and Nashville.

The former was very strong on the account of the quarterly dividend.

The latter was strong on the announcement that a rival company had been given permission to lay out.

Louisville and Nashville was strong on account of a rise in earnings.

The other prices were irregular for the general list.

There is no change in the dry goods situation. Prices are steady and unchanged.

Bonds dull.

Denver, Texas and Fort Worth certificates.

Fort Worth and Denver 110, 100.

Atchison general mortgage 4 1/2, 7 1/2.

Atchison income, 4 1/2.

Missouri, Kansas and Texas 115, 70.

Texas and Pacific 115, 70.

Texas and Pacific 2's, 31 1/2.

Atwood, Violet & Co.'s Statement.

Special to the Gazette.

New Orleans, La., July 7.—Atwood, Violet & Co. report that the market for cotton is very active.

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Following are wholesale quotations for Fort Worth trading houses, produce. Prices are subject to change without notice. Yesterday's closing, based on job lots.

Wheat—18 to 20 lbs. 80c; 16 to 18 lbs. 75c; 14 to 16 lbs. 70c; 12 to 14 lbs. 65c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 55c; 6 to 8 lbs. 50c; 4 to 6 lbs. 45c; 2 to 4 lbs. 40c; 1 to 2 lbs. 35c.

Corn—18 to 20 lbs. 40c; 16 to 18 lbs. 35c; 14 to 16 lbs. 30c; 12 to 14 lbs. 25c; 10 to 12 lbs. 20c; 8 to 10 lbs. 15c; 6 to 8 lbs. 10c; 4 to 6 lbs. 5c; 2 to 4 lbs. 0c; 1 to 2 lbs. 0c.

Oats—18 to 20 lbs. 30c; 16 to 18 lbs. 25c; 14 to 16 lbs. 20c; 12 to 14 lbs. 15c; 10 to 12 lbs. 10c; 8 to 10 lbs. 5c; 6 to 8 lbs. 0c; 4 to 6 lbs. 0c; 2 to 4 lbs. 0c; 1 to 2 lbs. 0c.

Barley—18 to 20 lbs. 35c; 16 to 18 lbs. 30c; 14 to 16 lbs. 25c; 12 to 14 lbs. 20c; 10 to 12 lbs. 15c; 8 to 10 lbs. 10c; 6 to 8 lbs. 5c; 4 to 6 lbs. 0c; 2 to 4 lbs. 0c; 1 to 2 lbs. 0c.

Rye—18 to 20 lbs. 40c; 16 to 18 lbs. 35c; 14 to 16 lbs. 30c; 12 to 14 lbs. 25c; 10 to 12 lbs. 20c; 8 to 10 lbs. 15c; 6 to 8 lbs. 10c; 4 to 6 lbs. 5c; 2 to 4 lbs. 0c; 1 to 2 lbs. 0c.

Truck—18 to 20 lbs. 45c; 16 to 18 lbs. 40c; 14 to 16 lbs. 35c; 12 to 14 lbs. 30c; 10 to 12 lbs. 25c; 8 to 10 lbs. 20c; 6 to 8 lbs. 15c; 4 to 6 lbs. 10c; 2 to 4 lbs. 5c; 1 to 2 lbs. 0c.

Hay—18 to 20 lbs. 50c; 16 to 18 lbs. 45c; 14 to 16 lbs. 40c; 12 to 14 lbs. 35c; 10 to 12 lbs. 30c; 8 to 10 lbs. 25c; 6 to 8 lbs. 20c; 4 to 6 lbs. 15c; 2 to 4 lbs. 10c; 1 to 2 lbs. 5c.

Straw—18 to 20 lbs. 10c; 16 to 18 lbs. 8c; 14 to 16 lbs. 6c; 12 to 14 lbs. 4c; 10 to 12 lbs. 2c; 8 to 10 lbs. 0c; 6 to 8 lbs. 0c; 4 to 6 lbs. 0c; 2 to 4 lbs. 0c; 1 to 2 lbs. 0c.

Wool—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Coffee—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Sugar—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Cocoa—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Chocolate—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Butter—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Eggs—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Flour—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Meal—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Cracker—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Pastry—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Confectionery—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Ice—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Coal—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Oil—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Gas—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Water—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Electricity—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Telephone—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Postage—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Freight—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

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Banking—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

Shipping—18 to 20 lbs. 100c; 16 to 18 lbs. 90c; 14 to 16 lbs. 80c; 12 to 14 lbs. 70c; 10 to 12 lbs. 60c; 8 to 10 lbs. 50c; 6 to 8 lbs. 40c; 4 to 6 lbs. 30c; 2 to 4 lbs. 20c; 1 to 2 lbs. 10c.

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